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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Plant No. 3 of Motorlet, National Corporation, a branch of the Motorlet factory at Prague-Jinonice, is located on the northern edge of Velesin (O 49/Q 94), on the state highway which runs from Ceske Budejovice through Velesin to Kaplice. 1,500 meters from this highway runs the Ceske Budejovice - Velesin - Horni Dvoriste railroad line. Northeast of the plant there is a pond, 30 by 60 meters in size. In the east there is a pine wood.
2. The plant was built during World War II and covers an area of 100 by 150 meters. At the entrance gate on the road, at about the middle of the area, there is a guard post in a 4 by 5 meter building where all persons are checked and employees register their times of arrival and departure.
3. The cadre department and an office for issuing permits are located on the first floor of the guard building.
4. Opposite the guard building at the entrance to the plant are the transportation offices in a two-story building 15 by 40 meters in size. Behind this building is another wooden building for supplies. It is 20 by 40 meters in size.
5. The assembly hall is along the northern side of the plant area. This is an iron and concrete structure 30 by 80 meters in size and is equipped with lathes and bench grinders. Beyond this is a group of buildings with the following functions:
 - a. The grinding shop, about 10 by 20 meters in size, and the shipping room for finished products.
 - b. The testing department and the welding shop.
 - c. A production hall with about 40 automatic lathes and 15 ordinary lathes. This building is 20 by 60 meters in size.

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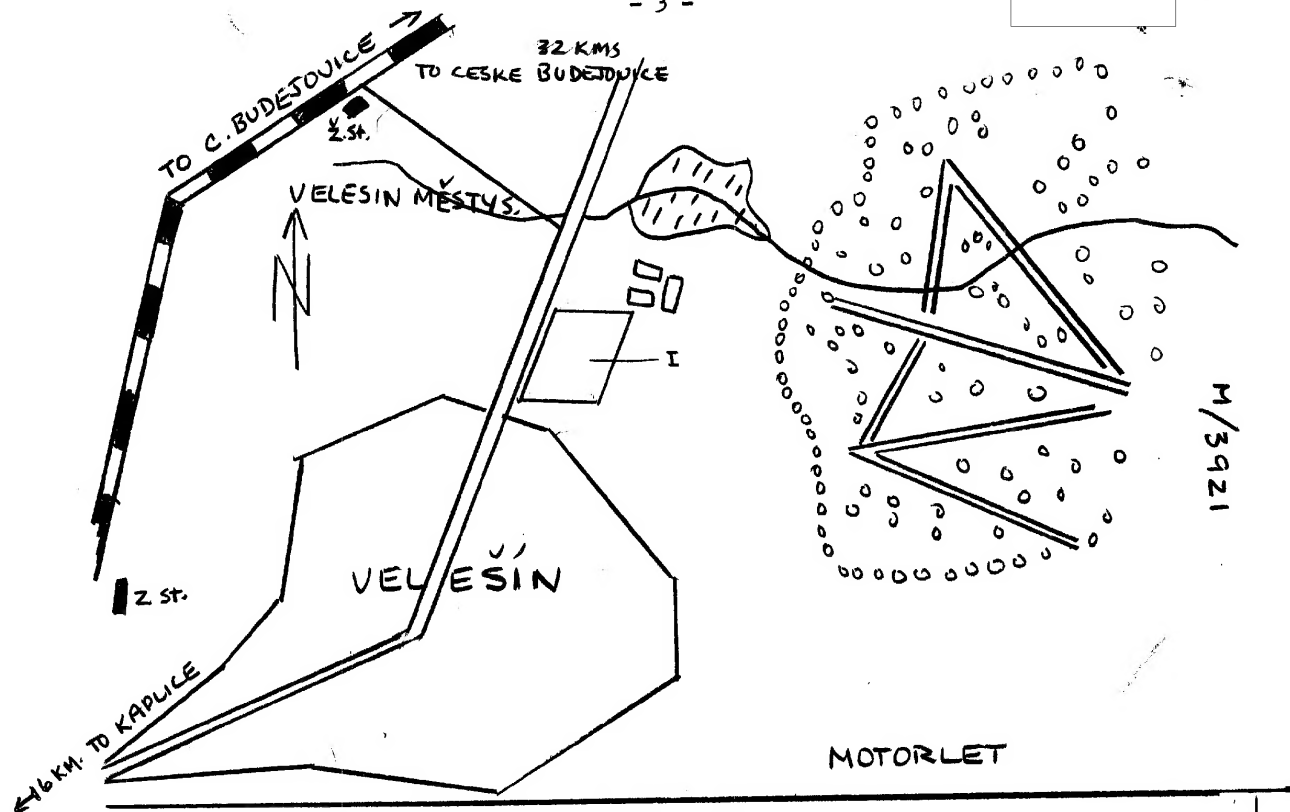
- d. Two more production halls the same size as c. above.
- e. The canteen, dining room and kitchen are in a wooden building 10 by 40 meters in size.
- 6. The main factory building is an iron and concrete structure with a semicircular glass roof. It is 30 by 80 meters in size, and is on the eastern side of the plant area.
- 7. The plant is equipped with completely new machines of Czech manufacture. The re-tooling of the plant with new machinery took place in 1952. The main factory building contains about 200 automatic lathes, planing machines, milling machines and bench grinders. Tools and materials are also issued in this building.
- 8. In the assembly hall, where engines are also tested, there is a large number of lathes and bench grinders. There are also some automatic lathes and bench grinders in the shipping department. The testing department is equipped with various indicators and measuring instruments. In the welding shop there are three electric and gas welding machines. The forge has three furnaces.
- 9. The plant produces various parts for airplane engines, such as valves, valve rods, camshafts, carburetors and oil pumps. In addition, 250 ccm. combustion engines are assembled. Their purpose and use is unknown to source. Airplane engine parts are shipped to Motorlet, at Prague-Jinonice. About three percent of the plant's production is rejected.
- 10. Plant No. 3 of Motorlet has 1,200 employees, working three shifts. The majority of the employees were transferred to this plant from so-called non-productive branches of the economy. The morning shift is fully occupied at the machines, the afternoon shift only 50% and the night shift only works 10% of capacity. There was a shortage of labor and in February 1953 efforts were made to recruit more workers. No brigade workers were employed, but there were about 300 women employees, mostly about 20 years old.
- 11. The heads of individual departments are experts with relatively good specialized knowledge.
- 12. Morale among the employees is poor because workers who were transferred to this plant do not like their jobs. Some of the norms were easy, and the workers were careful not to exceed them and tried to prevent shock workers from raising the norms. The majority of the employees commute to work by train. About 60 apartments for single employees have been built near the plant.
- 13. The Five-Year Plan was not fulfilled because of the shortage of labor.
- 14. The plant is guarded by members of the plant militia, who are armed with pistols and have some dogs.

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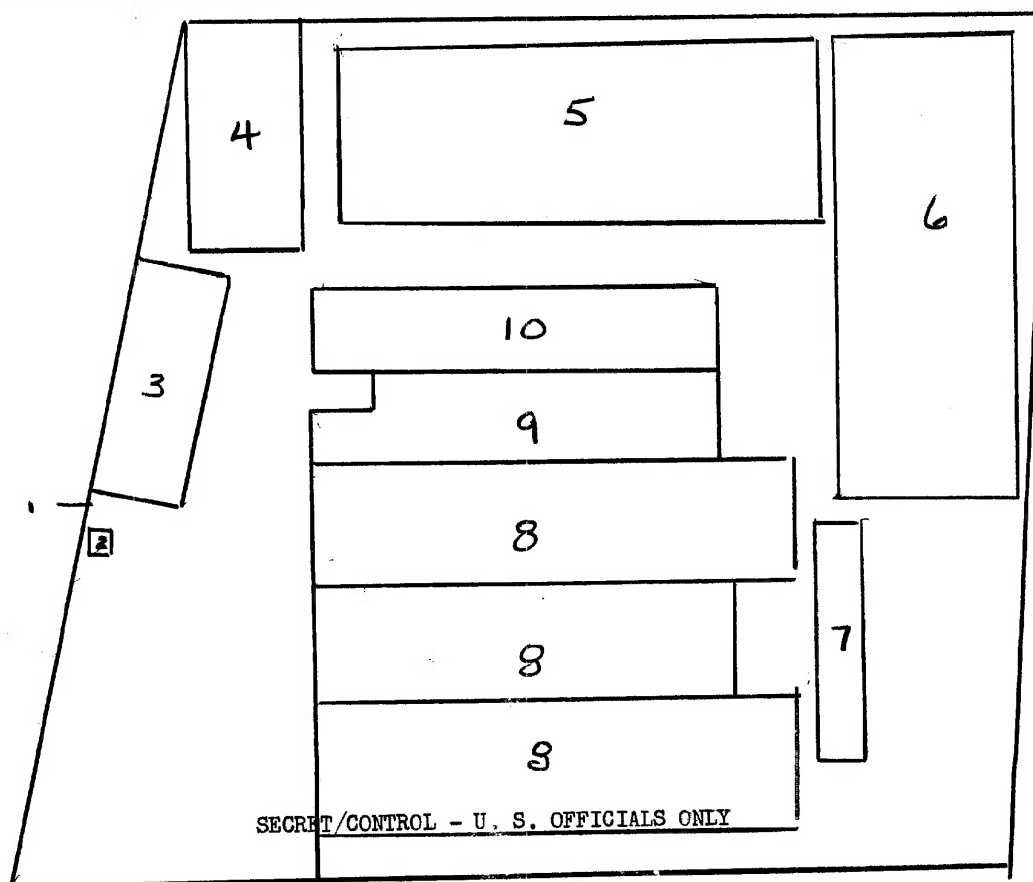
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Legend to sketch of Plant No. 3 of Motorlet, at Velesin

1. Entrance
2. Guards
3. Transportation office
4. Storage of materials
5. Assembly hall
6. Main factory building
7. Canteen, dining room, and kitchen
8. Three production halls
9. Testing department and welding shop
10. Grinding shop

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